



**Minutes for the Executive Committee Meeting of the  
Students' Association of MacEwan University  
August 13, 2025 @ 2:00pm**

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**Voting Members:**

Nathan Poon, President  
Chioma Uzor, VP Academic  
Wilfrid Youbi Fansi, VP External  
Andrei Santiago, VP Governance & Finance  
Alem Tesfay, VP Student Life

**Resource Officials:**

Darryl Kostash, General Manager (absent)

Alan Honey, Governance Advisor (recording Secretary)

**In Attendance:**

Shannon Marshall, Executive Coordinator  
Larissa Williams, Internal Advocacy Advisor  
Parvin Sedighi, External and Stakeholder Relations  
Manager  
Emily Lukacs, External Advocacy Advisor

1. Call to Order: 2:01pm
2. Treaty 6 Land Recognition

We would like to acknowledge that this meeting of the Students' Association of MacEwan University is taking place on the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 6 region in Central Alberta.

The Students' Association of MacEwan University is situated in the centre of what we call the city of Edmonton, which is called Amiskwaciy Waskahikan or Beaver Hill House in Nehiyawewin (Cree). This is the traditional home of the Nehiyaw (Cree) and Michif (Métis), and meeting place for many Indigenous peoples including the Nakawe (Saulteaux), Siksika (Blackfoot), Nakota Sioux (Stoney) and other nations.

3. Approval of Agenda:  
**VPGF/VPSL  
CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes for: August 6, 2025  
**VPGF/VPSL  
CARRIED**

| TOPIC |                           | DISCUSSION                                                                                 | ACTION/MOTION<br>MOTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| 1.    | Committee<br>Appointments | IAA – attached all applications, VPA made recommendations about which students to appoint. | TO APPOINT JAIDA DAVOREN AND CAROLYN BOYCHUK TO THE FACULTY OF NURSING COUNCIL, TO APPOINT MEREDITH BLACK AND STEPHANIE CHAN TO THE FACULTY OF FINE ARTS AND COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL, TO APPOINT KATELYN YAKIELASHEK TO THE FACULTY OF HEALTH |

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|    |                                  |                                                                                                                        | <p><b>AND COMMUNITY STUDIES COUNCIL, TO APPOINT RYAN BERNAL TO THE COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS, TO APPOINT OLAD AYODEJI TO THE RESEARCH ETHICS BOARD, TO APPOINT JOEHN TORRES, ANNABELLE THOMAS, AXEL SPARKS, MANREET KAUR TO THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS COUNCIL, AND TO APPOINT ABBEY HENDERSON-TANGUAY TO THE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TERM ENDING JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> 2026.</b></p> <p><b>MOTION</b></p> <p><b>TO TAKE A 5 MIN RECESS</b></p> <p><b>VPGF/VPSL CARRIED</b></p> <p><b>VPGF/VPSL CARRIED</b></p> <p><b>MOTION</b></p> <p><b>TO APPOINT LAYAL ZIDAN AND ARIZA FATIMA TO THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE COUNCIL FOR A TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2026</b></p> <p><b>VPGF/VPSL CARRIED</b></p> |
| 2. | Student Appeal Panel Appointment | Motion 2025-07-16-1: "to appoint Brittney Cusiatic to the Non-Academic Student Appeal Panel to occur by July 30, 2025" | <p><b>MOTION</b></p> <p><b>TO RESCIND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MOTION 2025-07-16-1</b></p> <p><b>VPGF/VPSL CARRIED</b></p> <p><b>MOTION</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| 3. | Student Groups   | <p>HijabiHQ</p> <p>Vpsl – had initial concern with SG description re ‘women-only’ meeting. SG procedure requires inclusivity. Spoke to SG Manager about potentially changing procedure.</p> <p>Vpgf – believe the description isn’t an issue.</p> <p>Pres – as currently written it’s at issue with SAMU’s inclusiveness values. How it’s written should be re-considered.</p> <p>RM – concerned with the language of ‘free-mixing’; name of SG is already exclusionary as not all Muslim women wear hijabis; other concerns with some of the language. Students are empowered to do these things on campus, but not necessarily with SAMU money. Encourage you to seek out clarity prior to approval.</p> <p>Vpa – RM covered comments I have.</p> <p>Vpsl – understand concerns brought forward and can communicate this back to SG manager.</p> | <p>Action:</p> <p>Vpsl to communicate result of conversation to GM.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 4. | Maintenance Fund | <p>Maintenance Fund Request 1:<br/>GM - for student groups area for changing the layout of SA214M and SA214G.</p> <p>Maintenance Fund Request 2:<br/>GM - This request will cover the cost of purchasing a new tech booth that seats 4 people and will act as another meeting room for Staff. This will also upgrade the door to the other tech booth so that it matches our door locking system.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p><b>MOTION</b></p> <p><b>TO APPROVE AN EXPENSE OF UP TO \$27000.00 FROM THE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR PROJECT 3-25.26 GROUPS 214 M &amp; G FURNITURE SET UP CHANGE</b></p> <p><b>VPGF/VPA CARRIED</b></p> <p><b>MOTION</b></p> <p><b>TO APPROVE AN EXPENSE OF UP TO \$45000.00 FROM THE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR PROJECT 2-25.26 TECH ROOM AND TECH DOOR &amp; LOCK</b></p> <p><b>VPGF/VPSL CARRIED</b></p> |

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| 5.  | Survey Presentation            | <i>Note: this presentation will begin at approx. 2:45pm.</i> |                                                                                       |
| 6.  | Outstanding Action Items       | tabled                                                       |                                                                                       |
| 7.  | VP Student Life's Report       | tabled                                                       |                                                                                       |
| 8.  | VP Academic's Report           | tabled                                                       |                                                                                       |
| 9.  | VP External's Report           | tabled                                                       |                                                                                       |
| 10. | VP Governance & Finance Report | tabled                                                       |                                                                                       |
| 11. | President's Report             | tabled                                                       |                                                                                       |
| 12. | GM Report                      | tabled                                                       |                                                                                       |
| 13. | Recognition                    |                                                              |                                                                                       |

5. Adjournment  
Time: 3:49pm